



**International Symposium (Virtual) on World Environment Day–2026
on**



***“Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Community Participation in the
Himalayan Region”***

Organised By

Government Degree College Salooni, District Chamba, H.P., India

on June 5, 2026
in collaboration with

GFSRD–Centre for Inclusive Development

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Introduction

World Environment Day is globally observed on 5th June every year to promote awareness and action for the protection of the environment. The Himalayan region, particularly Himachal Pradesh, is increasingly facing ecological challenges such as climate change, deforestation, biodiversity loss, water scarcity, landslides, waste management issues, and changing agricultural patterns. In this context, educational institutions have a vital role in sensitizing youth, researchers, policymakers, and civil society toward sustainable environmental practices.

Keeping this in view, Government Degree College Salooni, situated in the ecologically sensitive Churah Valley of District Chamba, proposes to organize a Virtual Symposium on World Environment Day–2026 in collaboration with GFSRD–Centre for Inclusive Development. The symposium aims to provide an interdisciplinary academic platform for dialogue on environmental sustainability, inclusive development, indigenous knowledge systems, and climate resilience in mountain regions.

Objectives of the Symposium

1. To create awareness regarding environmental conservation and sustainable development.
2. To discuss emerging environmental challenges in the Himalayan region.
3. To promote interdisciplinary academic dialogue on climate change and ecological sustainability.
4. To encourage participation of students, researchers, academicians, policymakers, NGOs, and environmental activists.
5. To document indigenous and community-based environmental practices.
6. To strengthen virtual academic collaboration among educational and research institutions.

Proposed Theme Areas

The symposium may include discussions on the following sub-themes:

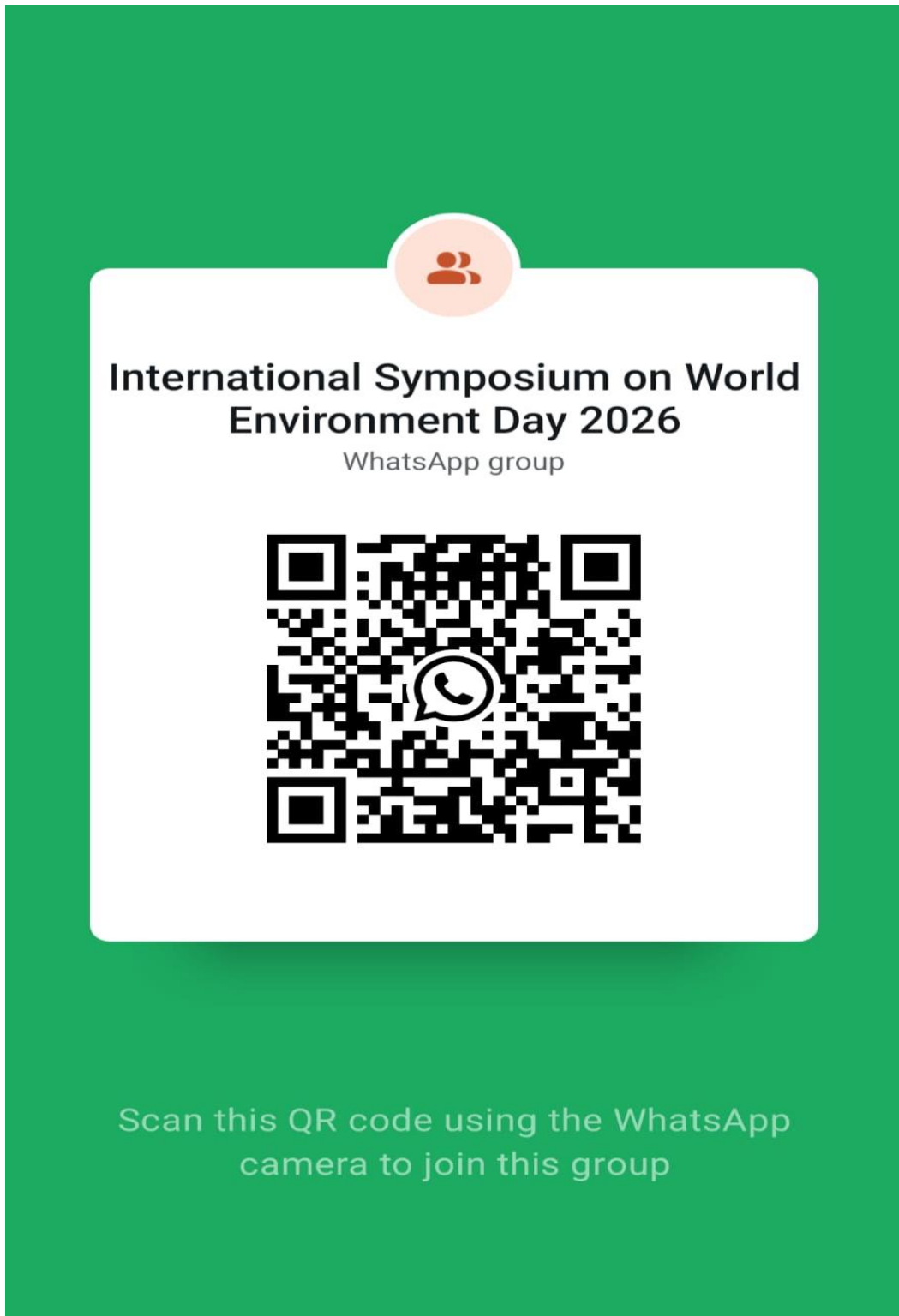
- Climate Change and Himalayan Ecology
- Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions
- Indigenous Knowledge and Environmental Conservation in Rural Development
- Water Resources Based Development
- Disaster Management and Climate Resilience in Mountains
- Eco-tourism and Sustainable Livelihoods
- Environmental Education and Youth Participation
- Role of Civil Society in Environmental Protection
- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

Nature of the Programme

- Registration:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cS20SYmyJx33CnIRMUwUewC95WPoNVMbGLDIPm0S8LY/edit>
- Registration Fee: Zero
- Mode: Virtual / Online
- Platform: Google Meet
- Duration: One Day
- Date: 5 June 2026
- Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

E-certificate of participation will be given to each participant

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Target Participants

The symposium will invite participation from:

- Faculty members and researchers
- Undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Research scholars
- Environmental activists and NGOs
- Policymakers and administrators
- Representatives from local communities
- Social scientists and environmental experts

Participants may join from universities, colleges, research institutions, and civil society organizations across India and abroad.

Programme Schedule

Time	Programme
03:50 PM – 04:00 PM	Online Registration and Joining of Participants
04:00 PM – 04:05 PM	Welcome of Guests and Participants
04:05 PM – 04:10 PM	Introduction and Formal Welcome by Dr. Jai Shree, Convener
04:10 PM – 04:15 PM	Address by Prof. Jayanta Chaudhary, Founder GSRFD
04:15 PM – 04:20 PM	Remarks on World Environment Day–2026 by Dr. Mohinder Slariya, Global Head GFSRD Centre for Inclusive Development cum Principal GDC Salooni
04:20 PM – 04:35 PM	Keynote Address by Dr. Swaranjit Singh Director SAS Polyclinic, Mohali, cum Chairman Drink Buttermilk: Live Healthy
04:35 PM – 04:50 PM	Address by Prof. Tpas Ranjan Chakraborty, Professor Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, Aliah University, Kolkata
04:50 PM – 05:05 PM	Address by Dr. Nagaraju LG Assistant Professor and IQAC Vertical Head, School of Management Studies, Reva University, Bangalore
05:05 PM – 05:20 PM	Address by Dr. Ir. Agustina Nurul Hidayati, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, National Institute of Technology, Malang, Indonesia
05:20 PM – 05:35 PM	Address by Prof. Abhishek Das, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Aliah University, Kolkata, India
05:35 PM – 05:50 PM	Address by Prof. Amir Mohammad, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh
05:50 – 05:57 PM	Recommendations and Future Action Plan
05:57 – 06:00 PM	Vote of Thanks by Organising Secretary

Expected Outcomes

1. Increased environmental awareness among students and communities.

2. Academic discussion on sustainable Himalayan development.
3. Development of policy recommendations for environmental conservation.
4. Strengthened institutional collaboration between academic and development organizations.
5. Publication of selected papers in an edited volume or ISBN proceedings.
6. Promotion of eco-consciousness and community participation.

Publication Plan

Selected papers presented during the symposium may be published in:

- Edited Book with ISBN
- Conference Proceedings
- Peer-reviewed Journal of GFSRD
- E-Compendium of Abstracts

Organising Structure

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Principal, Government Degree College Salooni

Co-Patron

Global Head, GFSRD–Centre for Inclusive Development

Organising Secretary

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Advisory Committee

Senior academicians, environmental experts, and representatives from collaborating institutions.

About Govt. Degree College Salooni, Chamba

Government Degree College Salooni, established in 2006 and celebrating two decades of its existence in a rural area and committed to transforming the youth of the rural area through education, having a broad aim to expand quality higher education in one of the remotest regions of Himachal Pradesh in the Salooni sub-division (Tehsil) of Chamba district. The college with the *highest commitment within limited resources* is committed to empowering rural youth through inclusive, multidisciplinary learning. Surrounded by the serene Himalayas, the college offers undergraduate programmes in Arts and Commerce, fostering academic excellence, research culture, and community engagement. With dedicated faculty, evolving infrastructure, and an active focus on skill development, the institution aims to nurture socially responsible, innovative, and employable graduates. The college regularly organizes seminars, outreach initiatives, and capacity-building programmes, contributing significantly to regional development and holistic student growth.

About GFSRD-Centre for Inclusive Development

Global Forum for Sustainable Rural Development is a Not for profit registered organisation and working in more than 100 countries through its 17 global centres. GFSRD–Centre for Inclusive Development is one of it's centre which is a multidisciplinary institution dedicated to promoting inclusive and sustainable development through research, academic collaboration, and community engagement. The centre works on issues related to social justice, environmental sustainability, rural development, indigenous knowledge, climate resilience, education, and participatory governance. It organizes seminars, workshops, training programmes, and awareness initiatives to encourage dialogue among academicians, researchers, policymakers, and civil society. By promoting evidence-based research and community participation, the centre aims to strengthen sustainable developmental practices and contribute toward building an equitable, environmentally responsible, and socially inclusive society.

The virtual symposium on World Environment Day–2026 will serve as an important academic and social initiative to promote environmental awareness, sustainable development, and inclusive dialogue on ecological challenges in the Himalayan region. The collaboration between Government Degree College Salooni and GFSRD–Centre for Inclusive Development will strengthen interdisciplinary engagement and provide meaningful opportunities for students, researchers, and civil society to contribute toward environmental sustainability and collective responsibility.

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